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Qualifications

2007 PhD in Philosophy of Economics Thesis title: *Conceptual progress in economics*. (Published 2009 by VDM Verlag, Germany)
 2001 Master in philosophy of Science (University of Groningen);
 Thesis title: *The Ubiquitous Hand of Economics*
 1995 Teacher training certificate (for all levels of education) in economics
 1984 Bachelor philosophy (University of Groningen), minor in Spanish language and Spanish-American literature

Other qualifications

BKO (basic teaching qualification for higher education)
 C2 certificate proficiency in English

Foreign Languages

	in writing	in reading	in speaking
English	academic texts and reports	academic texts and reports	near native (C2)
Spanish	complex texts, non academic	academic texts and reports	advanced effective operational level (C1)
German	non-academic texts	academic texts and reports	vantage intermediate (B2)

Professional appointments - teaching

2017 - present *Sociology and evidence based policy analysis*, University College Groningen; working language **English**

2009 - present *General philosophy of science, Philosophy of social science, Philosophy of the social and cultural sciences, Policy evaluation, General academic skills (writing and argumentation)*, University of Groningen; working languages **Dutch and English**

2016, Feb-April Guest professor *filosofía de la economía*, Institute for philosophy of the University of Veracruz in Xalapa (instituto de filosofía de la Universidad Veracruzana), Mexico working language **Spanish**

2011 – 2015 Courses in *Didactics of economics*, and *Economics for teacher training*, Faculty of behavioural sciences, University of Twente; working language **Dutch**

2008 – 2009 *Philosophy (for economics students)*, faculty of philosophy, VU–university, Amsterdam; working languages **Dutch and English**

2007 – 2008 *Economics* in Dutch secondary education, Warffum, the Netherlands;

2001 – 2009 *Philosophy of social science*, faculty of philosophy, University of Groningen working languages **Dutch and English**

1998 – 2000 *Volkswirtschaftslehre*, Abteilung Betriebswirtschaft, Hanze Fachhochschule (Hanze polytechnic), Groningen working language **German**

1993 – 2000 *Introductory economics, economics of the European Union, international economics, macro economics*, International Business School, Hanze polytechnic, Groningen working language **English**

1993 – 1999 General economic theory and thesis supervision, department of marketing and linguistics , Hanze polytechnic, Groningen working language **English, Spanish and Dutch**

- 1988 – 1993 *Economics, Theory of knowledge*, IGCSE and International Baccalaureate, Groningen and Rotterdam; working language **English**
- 1987 – 1992 *Economics* in Dutch secondary education, Groningen, the Netherlands

Professional appointments - other

- 2006 – 2015 President of the Dutch national secondary education economics exam board, CvTE
- 2001 – 2006 PhD research appointment; investigation into concepts of scientific progress in economics thesis defence September 2007
- 1995 – 1999 I was co-author of a Dutch two volume economics textbook *PINCODE* for Dutch secondary economics education (HAVO)
- 1993 – 1994 *Assistant Examiner* for the International Baccalaureate exam office for 'Economics' exams written in English and Spanish (Europe and Latin America)

Other occupations

- 2010-present Private enterprise in teacher assessment, *De Scriptieversneller* (formerly in private thesis supervision)
- 2015 – 2016 Scientific advisor for the reconstruction of policy theory for INTRAVAL, bureau for social research
- 2005-2009 Member of the board of the Netherlands Association for the Philosophy of Science (NVWF)
- 1994-2001 Editor *Tijdschrift voor economisch onderwijs* (journal of the Dutch association for economics education (*VECON*))

Publications, blind refereed

- 2017 'Werkzame principes. Hoe te bouwen aan een collectief geheugen bij evaluatieonderzoek.' ('Working principles: how to build a collective scientific memory in policy evaluation') *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*, 109(1), pp. 123-143
- 2012 'On ceteris paribus laws in economics (and elsewhere): Why do social sciences matter to each other', *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 5-2, pp. 27-53
- 2012 'Warranting the use of causal claims', with Nancy Cartwright, *Theoria* 74, pp. 189-202
- 2009 'Robbins' on the stationary state: An early attempt to distinguish idealization from abstraction', occasional paper in the Conference Proceedings Volume of the 75th anniversary conference of Lionel Robbins' essay '*The Nature and Significance of Economic Science*', London School of Economics, London, pp. 279-291
- 2008 'Idealization, abstraction, and the policy relevance of economic theories', *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 15-1, pp. 69-97
- 2005 'Abstractie in het economisch denken: Relevantie voor beleid', *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*, Volume 97, nr.3, pp. 224-241
- 2003 'Abstracción por idealización en economía', *Revista Asturiana de Economía* 28, pp. 33-41
- 1993 'A Comparative Analysis of Economics Examination Syllabuses', *Economía*, 3, vol. 2, (Journal of the Association of European Economics Education), London, pp. 51-56.

Publications, recent other

- 2018 Review of Hans Thijssen (2016), *Wat filosofen weten* and Hans Radder (2016), *Er midden in!* *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*, 110(1), in print
- 2015 'Renewing the Dutch economics syllabus for higher secondary education: Educational reforms from past to current debates', Country report in the *Zeitschrift für ökonomische Bildung*, 03/2015, pp 95-123
- 2014 'Macro-economie en het nut van macromodellen', *Tijdschrift voor economisch onderwijs*, 114-5, pp. 14-16
- 2013 'Zijn er wetten in de sociale wetenschap?', *De Filosoof*, 60, juni, pp. 24-25
- 2013 'Reply to Julian Reiss', *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 20-3, pp. 244-249; Journal symposium on modelling in economics

Keynotes and invited lectures

- 2016 *'La evidencia empírica de la gestión pública y el coste epistémico de la validez interna'*, invited lecture for the faculty of political science, university of Guadalajara; and for the Colegio Veracruzano, Xalapa, Mexico
- 2014 *'Bias control and the growth of knowledge'*, invited talk for CAB, bureau for consultancy in public policy, Groningen
- 2013 *'Verbant het flauwekulverband!'*, Keynote on the tasks of social science, 'Gammacongres', conference of UOCG, University of Groningen, in collaboration with secondary schools
- 2012 *'Here's to a luxury product'*, invited response to Goodby lecture 'three cheers to instrumentalism' by Julian Reiss, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
- 2012 *'Science versus the needs of policy makers'*, invited talk for CAB, bureau for consultancy in public policy, Groningen
- 2011 *Evidence based policy: mixing methods makes good practice*, keynote address with Nancy Cartwright at the CaEitS 2011 conference on Causality and Explanation in the Sciences, University of Ghent, Belgium
- 2008 *El problema del realismo y progreso en economía* and *Un análisis semántico del uso de los cláusulos 'ceteris paribus' en economía*, two invited lectures at the University of Valencia, Spain (Facultat de Filosofia i Ciències de l'Educació, Grupo Métodos y Departament de Lògica i Filosofia de la Ciència).
- 2007 *Idealization, abstraction, and policy relevance*, lecture at the Workshop 'Idealizations in science', Tilburg Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science, Tilburg University
- 2006 *Distinguishing idealization from abstraction: What it means for the policy relevance of social research*, London School of Economics, invited lecture for the *Contingency and Dissent* research group of CPNSS, UK
- 2005 *Lousy Predictors: On Explanatory Progress in Economics*, presentation for the Dutch Association for the Philosophy of Science (NVWF), at VU University, Amsterdam